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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Two hundred or more persons were killed in a mine explosion at Schofield, Utah, a few days ago. The disaster was caused from a powder explosion, and the details were heart-rending indeed.

Long has the opinion prevailed among certain people, and long has it been said that ministers' sons are often worthless than are the sons of an equal number of other good men. They are set down among the "ner-do-wells." But some one has come to the rescue and says that a larger number, in proportion, of eminent scientists and theologians come from ministers' sons than from any other class. Also another says many of our best heroes are the sons of ministers.

American enterprise something is wonderful. It has been stated recently by good authority that American capitalists, inventors and constructors cannot find territory at home sufficient for their enterprise. Americans are the greatest of all railroad builders, says the Atlanta Journal. They have built at home more railroad lines, measuring more mileage than all the rest of the world combined, and are now building railroads in other countries or furnishing material and equipment for them. England, Russia, China and Japan are purchasers of American rails and locomotives, and so great is the demand that it is hard to meet it.

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## ALL ABOUT CURRANTS.

The Currant as a Crop.  
IT IS A NEGLECTED FRUIT.

Philadelphia Record.

The currant is one of the finest fruits that can be grown, considering the various uses to which it may be applied, and yet it is the most neglected of all. Currants are grown only on limited areas, while the strawberry may be seen on plantations, some fields containing over a hundred acres. In favor of the currant bush it may be claimed that it thrives almost everywhere, even where the temperature reaches 30 degrees below zero, and it requires no "layering" to protect the vines, and when once established it remains for years. It demands no greater cost for harvesting the fruit than raspberries, and it is subject to fewer drawbacks than the raspberry. It brings four times as much in market as either the raspberry or blackberry, because the supply is limited. With more of them in market the demand would increase, as a large number of buyers would become educated to their value. There are many who know but little of currants and their uses, but there is an excellent opportunity for those who do not believe that there is "any money in fruit" to give the currant their attention as a crop. Once a plot is in currants there is little to do for it the greater portion of the year, and such a crop should pay much better than some that require more attention from early spring to late fall. The difficulty with those who grow the fruit is that they obtain crops so easily, and at such little cost, that they give it no consideration. Growing along some fence or out-of-the-way location, it is considered only a "catch crop" that is usually always sure, but not worthy of marketing.

The soil best suited for currants is a deep, rich, mellow loam, but it will grow almost anywhere it will be manured. The fruit is early on sandy soils, but the crop is not so large as on heavy land. The currant bush is grown from cuttings, which should be planted this month, just as the buds begin to push and placed six inches apart on a shady border. They should be about one foot long, of the preceding year's wood and cut off directly below a joint. If the bushes are to be grown in the manner of small trees, with one main stem, all the eyes should be cut out but the two top ones. They should remain until next year, when they will then be large plants, and may be transplanted to the location desired. They may be planted either early in the spring or in the fall after the leaves begin to drop. The plants should be six or eight feet apart each way, so as to allow for cultivation. They will become thicker in time. Or they may be placed in rows six to eight feet apart in each row, but when so planted they can be cultivated but one way with a hoe after they are large. The soil must be kept loose and weeds and grass must not be allowed to grow among the bushes. The red varieties are preferred, and selection for a novice should be made by some seedsman or horticulturist, as the soil for some varieties may not be as suitable as for others. If preferred, those who desire to save time may put out currants in April without the necessity of beginning with cuttings, as nurserymen will supply them by the hundred at moderate prices. Any variety procured may then be propagated by cuttings after the plants are established and well grown.

There are but few obstacles with currants compared with some small fruits. The borer does not damage, but vigorous bushes escape to a certain extent, while the borer may be kept in check by judicious pruning and burning of the non-producing old wood, which should be removed. There is also some danger from breakage of the bushes when they are heavily overloaded with fruit, which often occurs, as the currant worm feeds upon the leaves, but is easily destroyed with heliober. The green leaf hopper also does damage and is kept in check with pyrethrum or tobacco dust. The four-striped plant bug is also an enemy, but succumbs to kerosene emulsion. These enemies may not appear as if there are no careless neighbors growing, and they entail no more labor than would be required for other fruits that do not bring such prices in market as currants. It may be added that at the present day grow-

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## MORMONISM IN UTAH.

Extract From a Letter of a Resident of That State.

POLYGAMY IS BEING PUSHED.

The following excerpt from a letter received from a resident of Utah, under date of February 27, 1900:

"You ask about B. H. Roberts. He is one of the high officials of the Mormon Church, a three-polygamist. "Seeing the country immersed in war problems, the Mormon hierarchy probably considered it a good time to crowd him to Congress. He had been cast aside by the Democrats, and punished by the church once for entering politics without their sanction, but he recanted and was supposed to be devoting his days to churchly requirements. "Since statehood has been granted, polygamy has been pushed, on the quiet, more than ever; marriages are secret, so there is no proof of that; but the crying fruit of such marriages cannot be entirely concealed, and the State is being filled with illegitimate children. It is next to impossible to convict a man when public sentiment condones and court officials and jury may be in the same boat. However, the Presbytery at Manti two years ago sounded the alarm with unspoken distinctness, 'The Church denied in toto.' By means of their own they secured the nomination of B. H. Roberts for Congress, in spite of the protests of many Gentile Democrats, and defied the country. 'Democrats elected him.' He had a large majority of votes.

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"Well, the country has partially settled it; there had not been so effective a blow given to Mormonism, as it discriminated between Church and State. Polygamy is one of the fundamental limits in their-parody of religion. "Now, what is further needed is a Federal law on the matter, a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy. Polygamists are not only of Utah, but Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and the Territories are now in a condition where polygamist Mormons have about the balance of power, and it is through these States that they intend to dominate the nation.

"Peaceable living in Utah would be out of the question had Roberts been seated; they had grown so insolent that it was easier to detect their schemes. Of all the travesties on religion, Mormonism is the most intricate. Every 'good' Mormon is a believer in polygamy, whether practicing it or not. They are perfectly organized; they are as one man in the obedience demanded, from apostle to each 16-year-old boy to 'obey counsel.' Woman is thus far a slave to minister to man's desire, more or less.

## To Save the Birds.

Civilization moves on. Governor Roosevelt has signed the bill passed by the New York Legislature making it a misdemeanor to sell or possess for sale the plumage of wild birds and songsters. At the outset this statute will bear with some hardship upon milliners; but there is no progress without some cost. The women who wear the plumage of songbirds in their hats are not only accessory to the savagery of the killing, but they are guilty of the further savagery of a form of adornment which is a weak imitation of the get-up of Geronimo or Sitting Bull when on the warpath. The attempt at restraint in New York is wholesome and should be followed up in other States.

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"I wish, Doctor," said the traveling man, "that you would tell us about catarrh. I have had it for years, and I am thoroughly discouraged."  
The Doctor answered, "Catarrh, like diphtheria, consumption, typhoid fever, and a host of other diseases, is the result of a microbe invading the blood and attacking specially the mucous membrane. This foul and most disgusting disease is especially prevalent in the United States and it is rare to meet one who is not, or has not been troubled more or less with it. How often is he or she obliged to remain at home from pleasant entertainments, deprive themselves of many of their usual pleasures, from fear of the disagreeable odor arising from catarrhal affections. In its worst phase, the patient becomes loathsome both to himself and his friends."  
"I believe," continued this great physician, "that the true way to heal catarrh is to medicate the blood. This can be done only by powerful alternatives which act as blood purifiers."  
Betsy A. Maretz, of Manistee, Manistee Co., Mich., writes:  
Dear Sirs:—For ten years I was a sufferer from general debility and chronic catarrh. My face was pale as death. I was weak and short of breath. I could hardly walk, I was so dizzy and had a ringing in my head all the time. My hands and feet were always cold. My appetite was very poor. On getting up in the morning, my head swam so I was often obliged to lie down again. I had awful pains in the small of my back. I had a continual feeling of tiredness. My muscular power was almost entirely gone, and I couldn't go half a dozen steps without stopping to rest, and often that much exercise caused me to have a pain in my side. It seemed as though the blood had left my veins. The doctors said my blood had all turned to water. I had given up all hope of ever getting well. I tried the best physicians in the state, but failed to get any relief. My husband got me a bottle of Johnston's Sarsaparilla. I took it, and then I bought another. When these had been used, I was somewhat improved in my health. I continued its use, and felt I was growing stronger; my sleep was refreshing, and it seemed as if I could feel new blood moving through my veins. I kept on taking it, and now consider myself a well and rugged woman. I work all the time, and am happy. I am positive that the Sarsaparilla saved my life. The sick headaches I have had since childhood, have disappeared, and my catarrh has almost entirely left me. I cannot be too thankful for what Johnston's Sarsaparilla has done for me. I recommend all women who have sick headaches to use your Sarsaparilla.  
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Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:35 p. m., Halifax 4:15 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kingston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kingston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m., and 2:30 p. m., arrive Farmelo 9:10 a. m., and 4:00 p. m., returning leave Farmelo 9:30 a. m., and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 7:05 a. m., arriving Smithfield 8:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 10:25 a. m. Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 10:00 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:10 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 10:40 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leave Spring Hope 11:30 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 12:15 a. m., 2:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 11:45 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, 11:40 a. m., and 4:02 p. m., returning leaves Clinton at 7:00 a. m., and 2:50 p. m.

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